

Curriculum Vitae

ROBERT HELMKAMP – CFI CFEI

Senior Fire Investigator



Rob Helmkamp joined **ACS Investigative Services** October 15, 1999 as a full-time Fire Investigator. Rob is a Certified Fire Investigator for the State of Missouri and the International Association of Arson Investigators. He holds a Class 'A' Private Detective license in the State of Illinois. Rob is responsible for investigating major fire losses throughout the Midwest.

Rob was previously employed by the Topeka Police Department in Topeka, Kansas. During the six years at Topeka, he investigated all types of crimes. He is a graduate of Central Missouri State University, majoring in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Fire Science. Rob graduated from the Topeka Police Academy in 1994 and has continued his education by attending numerous conferences, certification programs, and seminars.

Rob is responsible for conducting fire investigations in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Rob is experienced in investigating all types of fire investigations including commercial, residential, and motor vehicles.

WORK HISTORY & EXPERIENCE

ACS Investigative Services, Inc. (1999-Present)
17 Hawk Ridge Circle
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367
1-800-400-4305, 636-561-6100

Senior/Lead Fire Investigator

Responsibilities: Responsible for conducting fire origin and cause investigations. Investigative duties include scene examinations, motive investigations, background checks, field and recorded interviews, and evidence collection and preservation. Maintain a close relationship with federal, state, and local law enforcement and fire protection officials. Consult with insurance industry and attorneys regarding origin and cause investigations. Prepare reports as to investigations and testify to opinions presented in those reports.

Wood River Fire Department (2001-2006)

P.O.C Firefighter/Fire Investigator

Paid-On-Call Firefighter responsible for responding to calls for service, mutual aid, and fire alarms. Responsible for assigned fire ground activities that include fire suppression, rescue, forcible entry, and salvage/overhaul. Responsible for conducting fire origin and cause investigations at the direction of Fire Chief or Incident Commander. Preparation of reports

as related to origin and cause investigations and activities. Maintain close working relationship with local, state, and federal law enforcement officials.

Topeka Police Department (1994-1999)

Police Officer – Special Operations Unit/Patrol Officer – Uniform Division

Responsible for all aspects of on-scene and assigned criminal investigations. Conducted mid-level investigations of all crimes including narcotics, prostitution, and fugitive apprehension. Assisted other law enforcement agencies with case investigations and intelligence information. Prepared documentation for warrant and arrest matters. Planned, supported, and implemented special assignments to meet designated objectives.

Effectively responded and dealt with all aspects of on-scene criminal and traffic violations as a uniformed officer. Responsible for conducting custodial arrests, collecting and preserving evidence, preparing documentation and reports, and providing court testimony as required.

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

2000-Present	Licensed Private Detective - State of Illinois Class 'A' License# 115-001534
2000-Present	Certified Fire Investigator – Missouri Division of Public Safety
1994-2001	Certified Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer – State of Kansas
2002-Present	Certified Firefighter II – Illinois State Fire Marshal
2004-Present	Certified Fire Investigator – Illinois State Fire Marshal
2005-Present	Certified Fire Investigator – International Association of Arson Investigators Certification No. 12-158
2010-Present	Fire Investigator – National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
2002	Wood River Fire Department “Firefighter of the Year”
1998	Topeka Police Department “Excellence in Community Service” Commendation

EDUCATION

1990-1994	Central Missouri State University – Warrensburg, MO Bachelor of Science Degree Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Fire Science GPA: 3.37/4.0 <u>Major coursework:</u> Introduction to Criminal Justice, Police Organization & Management, Criminal Law, Constitutional Aspects of Criminal Justice, Criminal Investigation, Liability and the Criminal Justice Officer, Introduction to Criminal
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Justice Research, Criminal Evidence, Homicide Investigation, Global Crime, Probation, Parole, and Corrections.

Minor coursework: Introduction to Fire Science, Water System Analysis, Legal Aspects of Safety, Security, and Fire, Fire Extinguishment Systems, Industrial Fire Protection, Fire Prevention and Protection, Building Codes Administration.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 1994 **KLETC Full-Time Police Officer Certification**
Topeka Police Department Training Academy
Topeka, KS
- December 1997 **Basic Drug Investigator School**
United States Drug Enforcement Administration
St. Louis, MO
- March 1998 **Kansas Narcotic Investigator School**
Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Salina, KS
- March 2000 **Missouri Division of Fire Safety**
Fire Investigator Certification Program
St. Louis, MO
- April 2001 **Illinois Chapter of IAAI**
August F. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference
Collinsville, IL
- June 2001 **Missouri Chapter of IAAI**
17th Annual Fire Investigation Seminar
Lake Ozark, MO
- March 2002 **National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators**
2002 Advanced Insurance Seminar – Missouri Chapter
Lake Ozark, MO
- November 2002 **National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators**
2002 Advanced Insurance Seminar – National Conference
St. Louis, MO
- 2001-2002 **Lewis and Clark Community College**
Certified Firefighter II – Module A – Fall 2001
Certified Firefighter II – Module B – Spring 2002
Certified Firefighter II – Module C – Spring 2002
Godfrey, IL.
- March 2003 **Kansas City Arson Task Force**
Annual Arson Seminar
Kansas City, MO

May 2004 **National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators**
2004 Advanced Insurance Seminar – Missouri Chapter
Lake Ozark, MO

2004 **University of Illinois-Fire Service Institute**
Fire/Arson Investigation – Module I – June 2004
Fire/Arson Investigation – Module II – July 2004
Fire/Arson Investigation – Module III – August 2004
Fairview Heights, IL

May 2005 **Missouri Chapter of IAAI**
21st Annual Fire Investigation Seminar
Lake Ozark, MO

May 2006 **International Association of Arson Investigators**
www.CFITrainer.net (7 contact hours)

February 2007 **Kansas Chapter of IAAI**
2007 Regional Seminar
Topeka, KS

September 2007 **National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators**
2007 Advanced Insurance Seminar
St. Louis, MO

June 2008 **Illinois Chapter of IAAI**
Fire Investigation Training Conference
Fairview Heights, IL

June 2009 **Illinois Chapter of IAAI**
Fire Investigation Training Conference
Fairview Heights, IL

August 2009 **International Association of Arson Investigators**
Investigating Fatal Fires
www.CFITrainer.net (4 contact hours)

August 2009 **International Association of Arson Investigators**
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires
www.CFITrainer.net (4 contact hours)

August 2009 **International Association of Arson Investigators**
Motive, Means & Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case
www.CFITrainer.net (4 contact hours)

May 2010 **Midwest Anti-Auto Crime Association**
Annual Seminar

Wellston, MO

April 2011

Illinois Chapter of IAAI
Fire Investigation Training Conference
Collinsville, IL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Arson Investigators

International Association of Arson Investigators
Illinois Chapter

International Association of Arson Investigators
Missouri Chapter

Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association
Missouri Chapter

National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII)

National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators
Missouri Chapter

Madison County Fireman's Association
Madison County, Illinois (2001-2006)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2005 Staunton Volunteer Fire Department (Staunton, Illinois)
'Fire Investigation 101'
- 2006 Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department (Waterloo, Illinois)
'Fire Investigation 101'
- 2009 National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators – MO Chapter
'Fire Fraud – From the Charred Debris to the Cooked Books'